

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13413 WITH RESPECT TO BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFLICT TAKING PLACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO—PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying reports and papers; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country, are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2009.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency to deal with that threat and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 20, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3183. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1800. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to provide compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Feed Materials Production Center (commonly referred to as "Fernald") or the Piqua Organic Moderated Reactor in Ohio; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 1801. A bill to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 1802. A bill to require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 1803. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize reviews by the Comptroller General of the United States of emergency credit facilities established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any Federal Reserve bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1804. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on pyridaben technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1805. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on fenarimol technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1806. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Phosmet Technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1807. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on hexythiazox technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1808. A bill to control Federal spending now; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1809. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the certification of aftermarket conversion systems and thereby encourage the increased use of alternative fueled vehicles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 1810. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish physical activity guidelines for the general public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1811. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain chime rod assemblies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1812. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on DMDPA; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1813. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on DPA; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1814. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on urea, polymer with formaldehyde and 2-methylpropanal; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1815. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain clock movements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 1816. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1817. A bill to temporarily raise the limits on certain loans under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1818. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 250

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, to improve the provision of health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland